

2020

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SPRC Annual Assessment of Deacon Effectiveness

Completed form due in the District Office 2 weeks prior to SPRC Meeting with DS

SPRC: Instructions for Deacon Annual Assessment

Charge:

Pastor:

INSTRUCTIONS: After careful reading of the descriptions, score each area for evidence of effectiveness using the following scale: (if an item does not apply to this clergy, please mark N/A)

- 5 - Exceptional, 4 - Exceeds Expectations, 3 - Meets Basic Expectations, 2 - Needs Intentional Growth, 1 - Unsatisfactory, N/A - Not Applicable or Unknown

\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\*

A score of "1" should only be used when a prior SPRC Annual Assessment has identified an area as needing "Intentional Growth" and the pastor has failed to address or make adequate progress. Please include reflections on growth areas you have identified and strengths you intend to build upon along with any additional comments in the boxes provided.

A. Ministry of Word:

(Score 1 to 5 or N/A)

- 1. When this deacon speaks, the love and hope of Christ is felt.
2. Passion for God is expressed.
3. Encouragement is given for people to connect with God.
4. Encourages discipleship as a way that leads to life.
5. Teaches and preaches in a way that encourages people along their faith journeys.
6. Worship leadership is provided in a way that is helpful to this congregation.
7. Shares leadership roles in worship with other clergy and laity in an effective manner.
8. Communicates clearly and effectively in both written and spoken forms.
9. Assists elders with sacraments and assures homebound members receive Holy Communion

Comments:

B. Ministry of Service:

(Score 1 to 5 or N/A)

- 1. Models servant ministry as a way to follow the example of Jesus Christ.
2. Assists lay persons in claiming their own ministry.
3. Personally participates in mission and service in the local church and community.
4. Challenges members to share Christ in practical ways in the wider community.
5. Is present at fellowship gatherings and activities of the church.
6. Is personally visible and active in the local community seeking to build relationships.
7. Regularly encourages laity to consider where God may be calling them into ministry.
8. Actively encourages laity to participate in District and Conference events.

Comments:

C. Ministries of Sacrament and Pastoral Care:

(Score 1 to 5 or N/A)

- 1. Provides regular opportunities to participate in Holy Communion during worship.
2. Clearly communicates that all are welcome to participate in Holy Communion.
3. Ensures that shut-ins and those in nursing homes receive communion on a regular basis.
4. Encourages parents to have children baptized and takes time to prepare them.

- 5. Invites all members of the community to remember/renew their baptismal covenant. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Regularly visits shut-ins and the hospitalized and encourages laity to do so as well. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Offers opportunities for healing prayer in worship and other appropriate times/settings. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Provides pre-marital and marriage counseling to those who are engaged or married. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Takes time with families in preparing funerals and does follow up visitation afterwards. \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**D. Ministry of Mission and Service:**

(Score 1 to 5 or N/A)

- 1. Regularly lifts up and encourages participation in mission and service opportunities. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Personally participates in mission and service in the local church and the community. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Challenges members to share Christ in practical ways in the wider community. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Is present at fellowship gatherings and activities of the church. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Is personally visible and active in the local community seeking to build relationships. \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**E. Interpersonal and Relational Skills**

(Score 1 to 5 or N/A)

- 1. Is available and approachable. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Is trustworthy, confidential, and non-judgmental. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Is even-tempered. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Is a “non-anxious presence” (able to be calm in the moment) in meetings and one on one. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Works at building and strengthening relationships with others. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Is open to feedback and takes critique well. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Is able to communicate in honest and caring ways. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Deals appropriately with those who have authority and oversight of her/his ministry (D.S., Board of Ordained Ministry, SPRC) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**F. Personal Spiritual Formation & Self Care**

(Score 1 to 5 or N/A)

- 1. Demonstrates evidence of a consistent personal devotional life. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Lifts up accountable discipleship and spiritual formation as a priority for all people. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Demonstrates integrity; actions and behaviors that reflect stated beliefs. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Participates in continuing professional education and study for ministry (please indicate specifics in comment box below). \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Is involved in a peer group for learning, accountability, mentoring, and support. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Is attentive to regular self-care of body, mind, and spirit. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Demonstrates a balanced personal and family life outside of church and ministry. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Takes personal Sabbath time, days off, and all four weeks of vacation. \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**G. Connectionalism / Stewardship**

- 1. Supports and invites participation in District and Conference Events: i.e. Camping, Emmaus, District Leadership Training, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Serves in District and Conference leadership: Mentoring, Boards/Agencies, Connectional Responsibilities, etc. (List below Committees/Boards on which Pastor serves). \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Special Sundays – Promotes and encourages participation in Special offerings (UMCOR Sunday, etc...). \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. Personally tithes and encourages tithing and proportional giving as a Spiritual principle. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Is aware of and uses resources and programs that effectively develop a healthy and growing climate of stewardship in the church. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Provides clear leadership in helping the congregation fully participate and celebrate the connectional work accomplished through Ministry Shares. \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**District and Conference Leadership:**

**After reviewing the responses given above, please identify the strengths and growth areas which may have the most impact in your current ministry setting:**

**H. Pastoral Strengths:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**I. Areas Needing Intentional Growth/Improvement:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Continuing Education plans to address growth areas and enhance strengths:**

**Any other Information you would like to share?**

**Signatures**

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Deacon Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
SPRC Chair Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Superintendent Date

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